

WI-273  
Colonial Building  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1927

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Colonial Building

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-273

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Commercial Block  
-Law office

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-273

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Colonial Building

and/or common Hearne & Bailey Law Office

**2. Location**

street & number 126 East Main Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Salisbury \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frederic E. Wierman, et al.

street & number 126 East Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 107, P. 853  
liber 1297

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 262

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records.

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Colonial Building, also known as the Hearne & Bailey law office, stands at 126 East Main Street in the central business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay brick law office faces north with the main roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1927-30, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay Flemish and common bond brick law office rests on an excavated cellar. The East Main Street wall is laid in Flemish bond with a recessed mortar joint, whereas the side walls are laid in seven-course common bond with a undistinguished mortar finish. The north side of the parapet gable roof is covered with slate, which disguises the flat roof and parapet wall that extends to the rear.

The East Main Street elevation is defined by a side entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. A recessed front entrance is raised off the street level by a series of marble steps. A pair of fluted columns rise from marble blocks to an entablature that extends across the entire front of the building at the first floor window header height. Fixed atop the entrance entablature is a stuccoed arch labeled "Colonial Building." The glazed front door is flanked by twelve-light sidelights and a glazed transom. The adjacent window openings have marble sills and slender fluted columns that flank each opening. Fixed atop the window entablature is a stuccoed arch that repeats the arched form established by the front door. The second floor is pierced by three evenly spaced twelve-over-twelve sash windows that have marble sills and marble jack arches. A triangular shaped keystone is fitted in the center of each arch. Stretching across the base of the roof is a wood cornice finished with a fine dentil molding. The cornice fronts an interior gutter, which is served by a pair of copper downspouts that descend the corners of the law office. Three arched header dormers mark the slate roof. The nine-over-nine sash windows have an arched top sash, and the sides of the dormers are covered with slate.

The east and west sides of the law office are largely alike with seven-course common bond walls pierced by a combination of single or paired six-over-one sash windows. Worked in the common bond wall pattern on the east side is an individual row of soldier bricks at the window header height and a rowlock course at the window sill height. The common bond walls rise to a parapet wall capped in stone on the front elevation, but covered with molded terra cotta to the rear. The peak of each gable is also fitted with a short vertical mass of brick to approximate a chimney form. The parapet wall steps downward toward the back of the building.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The well preserved condition of this building qualifies it for listing in *Category A*, which identifies sites that must be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical significance.

1 Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 150/425, October 4, 1927.

2 Sanborn Insurance Map (1931), Salisbury, (Maryland State Archives).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 4/21/96

street &amp; number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

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126 East Main Street  
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Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 853

1297/262                      Fulton P. Jeffers

to

6/29/1992                      Frederic E. Wierman  
Charles R. Dashiell, Jr.  
Christopher F. Davis

Undivided 1/3 interest conveyed unto Fulton P. Jeffers by  
1. From James P. Bailey, 12/29/1986, AS 1089/331

2. From L. Richard Phillips, 7/19/1989, MSB 1188/386

AS 1089/331                      James P. Bailey

to

12/29/1986                      Fulton P. Jeffers  
Frederic E. Wierman  
L. Richard Phillips  
Charles R. Dashiell

AJS 892/830                      Aurelia Porter Bailey

to

1/2/1978                        James P. Bailey

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Being the same land conveyed to Levin C. Bailey by the  
three following deeds:

1. From the City Development Co., 10/4/1927, JCK 150/424
2. From Hooper S. Miles, 11/15/1939, JWS 221/377
3. From S. Franklyn Woodcock, 8/31/1945

The said Levin C. Bailey having since departed this life  
testate and by Item First of his Last Will and Testament  
dated 1/27/1930, JAH 4/161, devised above described  
property to Aurelia Porter Bailey

JCK 271/506

S. Franklyn Woodcock  
Elizabeth P. Woodcock

to

8/31/1945

Levin C. Bailey,  
Paying to E. Vaughn Gordey, assignee a mortgage dated  
9/8/1929, JCK 151/149, balance due of \$15,000.00

JWS 221/377

Hooper S. Miles  
Frances W. Miles

to

11/15/1939

Levin C. Bailey  
paying to Salisbury National Bank a mortgage, 9/8/1927,  
JCK 151/149, balance due \$17,500



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JWS 150/425                      The City Development Company, a body corporate

to

10/4/1927                      Hooper S. Miles  
Levin C. Bailey  
S. Franklyn Woodcock

\$20,000.00 assumption of a mortgage to Audie Potts  
JCK 151/149, 9/8/1927  
all that lot or parcel of land situate in the City of  
Salisbury...bounded on the east by the land of the  
Salisbury Advertiser Company, bounded on the south  
by an alley of fifteen feet in width, bounded on the  
West by the land of the Trustees of the Salisbury Lodge  
No. 817 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
of the U. S. A.

JCK 148/404                      Annie S. Whealton, et al.

to

4/30/1927                      The City Development Company

the said Daniel J. Whealton died intestate seized and  
possessed....property descended to Annie S. Whealton,  
his widow, Floy T. Watson, Clarence W. Whealton, his  
children

JCK 124/470                      William J. Downing  
Annie L. Downing

to

2/14/1922                      Daniel J. Whealton

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JCK 123/186

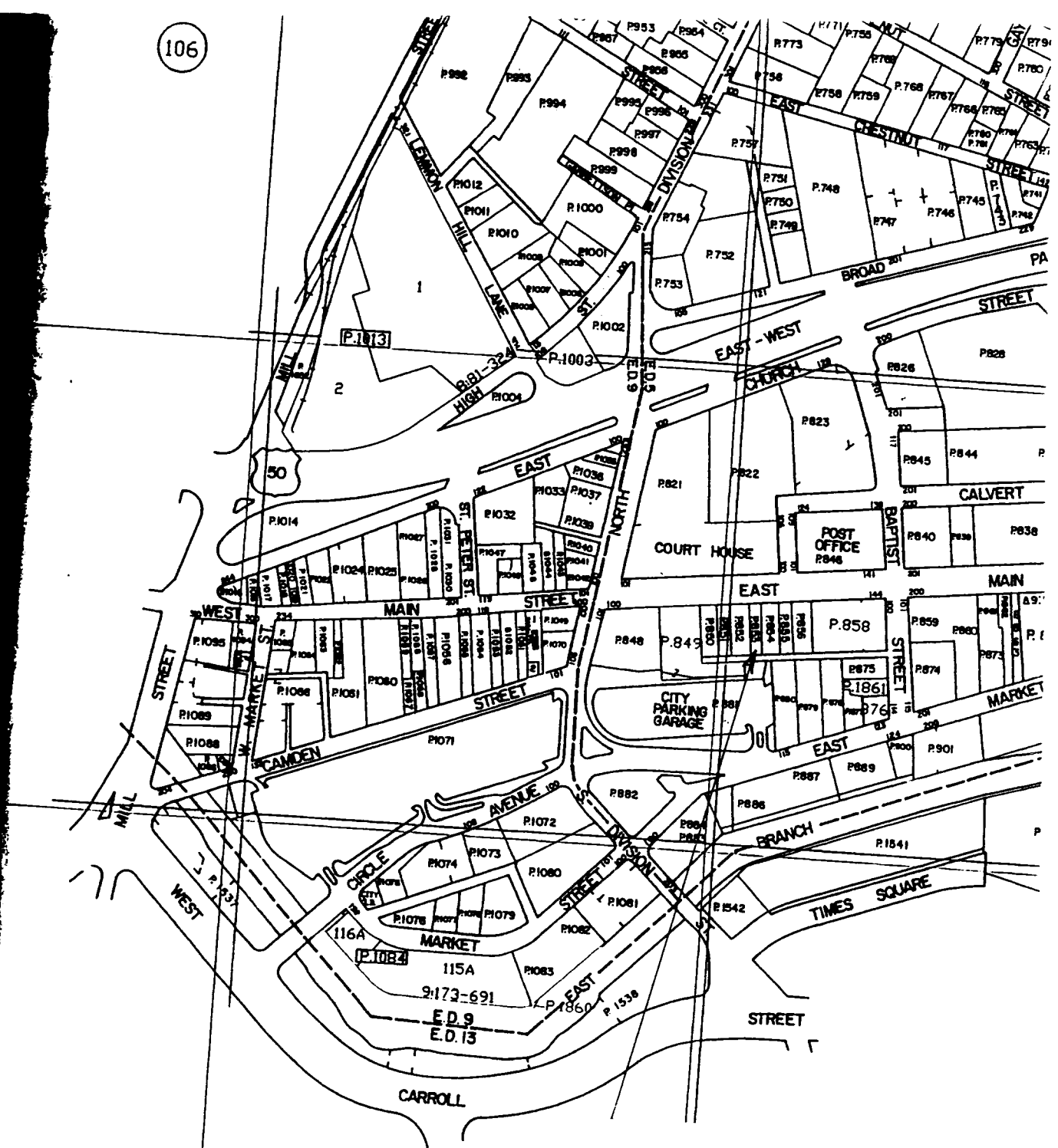
William E. Wailes, et al.

to

5/11/1921

William J. Downing

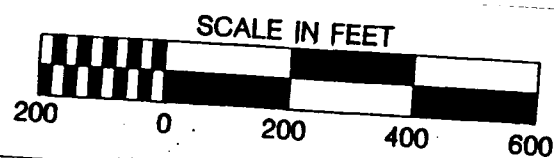
part of the home place or land of which Annie T.  
Wailes died seized and possessed



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Wicomico County Tax Map 107  
Parcel 853

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

5850' NW  
(HEBRON)

75°37'30"  
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI  
VIENNA 15 MI  
447000m E

